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S 1534

Department of National Homeland Security Act of 2001

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Current Status: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8157)

Latest Action: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8157) (Sep 4, 2002)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT]

Party: Democratic • State: CT • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	$R \cdot PA$		Oct 11, 2001

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Oct 12, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 5005	Related bill	Nov 25, 2002: Became Public Law No: 107-296.
107 S 2452	Related bill	Jun 24, 2002: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 440.

Summary (as of Oct 11, 2001)

Department of National Homeland Security Act of 2001 - Establishes the Department of National Homeland Security. Includes the Secretary of National Homeland Security as a cabinet level position with membership on the National Security Council.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) plan, coordinate, and integrate Government activities relating to homeland security, including border security and emergency preparedness, and act as a focal point regarding natural and manmade crises and emergency planning; (2) work with State and local governments and executive agencies in protecting U.S. homeland security and support State officials through the use of regional offices; (3) provide overall planning guidance to such agencies regarding homeland security; (4) conduct exercise and training programs for department employees and establish command and control procedures for security contingencies, including those that require the substantial military support; and (5) annually develop a Federal response plan for homeland security and emergency preparedness.

Transfers to the Agency the authorities, functions, personnel, and assets of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U.S. Customs Service, the Border Patrol of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Critical Infrastructure Assurance Office and the Institute of Information Infrastructure Protection of the Department of Commerce, and the National Infrastructure Protection Center and the National Domestic Preparedness Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Establishes within the Department: (1) separate Directorates of Prevention, Critical Infrastructure Protection, and Emergency Preparedness and Response; and (2) an Office of Science and Technology to advise the Secretary with regard to research and development efforts and priorities for such directorates.

Requires the Secretary to establish mechanisms for the sharing of information and intelligence with U.S. and international intelligence entities.

Actions Timeline

- Sep 4, 2002: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8157)
- Oct 12, 2001: Committee on Governmental Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 107-212.
- Oct 11, 2001: Introduced in Senate
- Oct 11, 2001: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S10646-10647)
- Oct 11, 2001: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S10647-10648)